GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF TUSSAR SILK
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Tussar silk has declined over the years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government to boost the production of Tussar silk in the country;

(d) whether the country has failed in the field of production of best quality of silk; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) No Sir. As against the achievement of 235 MT in the VIII Plan period, during IX plan period anticipated achievement is 335 MT and the target for the X plan period is 440 MT in respect of tussar silk.

(c)to(e) The strategy for Sericulture sector for the Xth five year Plan drawn up by the Central Silk Board in consultation with the State Governments aims to substantially expand mulberry silk and non-mulberry silk production including Tassar, by assisting and supporting quality and productivity of silk. Measures include the adoption of new technologies in rearing & reeling, improved seed supply systems, expansion of and better access to tasar plantations and diversification and development of products etc. Programmes for Research & Development, transfer of technology and provision of critical inputs to states have been emphasized.